

## Sullivan Ridge Planning (FINAL)

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### A. Statement of Planning Objectives

The planning objectives for this project are to determine whether or not the Mendocino National Forest will add a Single-Track Trail in the Sullivan Ridge area to the National Forest Trail System and designate it as open to motorcycles only. Parts of this proposed Single-Track Trail in the Sullivan Ridge area was created by Club members under Forest Service authorization nearly a decade ago. This Single-Track Trail was used as an Enduro Only trail for several of the Enduro events held on the Grindstone Ranger District and the public has expressed interest in adding the Sullivan Ridge Single-Track Trail to the National Forest Trail System. In considering this proposal the Grindstone Ranger District will complete environmental studies to determine whether the single-track trail will be in accordance with NEPA and Best Management Practices guidelines, and if the Forest is able to add it to the designated trail system. The project area to be evaluated consists of 3.9 miles of single-track trail that runs along the Sullivan Ridge area.

### B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The Grindstone Ranger District has 8.5 miles of single-track trail designated as open to motorcycles only. When compared to a total of 128 miles of OHV trails on the Grindstone District, the total number of single-track trail is only 6% of the total OHV trail system. Considering that the vast majority of OHV users on the Grindstone Ranger District are recreating on motorcycles and that motorcycle only single-track trails are almost nonexistent on the district, the Sullivan Single-Track Trail may provide a needed addition to the National Forest Trail System. In addition, if this planning effort results in a decision to add this trail to the designated system, we will be creating a partnership with OHV club members who have expressed an interest in adopting the Sullivan Ridge single-track trail.

### C. Statement of Activities

The funding request will provide for the development of an environmental analysis to determine whether the Grindstone Ranger District is able to add the Sullivan Ridge single-track to the designated trail system.

### D. List of Reports

NEPA document (Decision Memo, EA or EIS) Sullivan Ridge Single-Track Trail

## Additional Documentation

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**1. Timeline for Completion**

Attachments:

[Timeline for Completion](#)

**2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

Attachments:

[Single track trail sullivan ridge](#)

[single track trail sullivan ridge 2](#)

**3. Optional Project-specific Maps**

Attachments:

[Map proposed sullivan ridge single track](#)

## Project Cost Estimate

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	USFS - Mendocino National Forest		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Sullivan Ridge Planning (FINAL)	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	G09-02-10-P01
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	The planning objectives for this project are to determine whether or not the Mendocino National Forest will add a Single-Track Trail in the Sullivan Ridge area to the National Forest Trail System and designate it as open to motorcycles only. Parts of this proposed Single-Track Trail in the Sullivan Ridge area was created by Club members under Forest Service authorization nearly a decade ago. This Single-Track Trail was used as an Enduro Only trail for several of the Enduro events held on the Grindstone Ranger District and the public has expressed interest in adding the Sullivan Ridge Single-Track Trail to the National Forest Trail System. In considering this proposal the Grindstone Ranger District will complete environmental studies to determine whether the single-track trail will be in accordance with NEPA and Best Management Practices guidelines, and if the Forest is able to add it to the designated trail system. The project area to be evaluated consists of 3.9 miles of single-track trail that runs along the Sullivan Ridge area.		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-Hydrologist	10.000	315.290	DAY	2,522.42	630.58	3,153.00
	Other-Archaeologist	10.000	342.230	DAY	3,422.00	0.00	3,422.00
	Other-Biologist	5.000	367.710	DAY	0.00	1,839.00	1,839.00
	Other-Geologist	5.000	315.290	DAY	1,576.00	0.00	1,576.00
	Other-Volunteers	5.000	200.000	DAY	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Other-NEPA Coordinator	7.000	393.570	DAY	2,755.00	0.00	2,755.00
	Total for Staff				10,275.42	3,469.58	13,745.00
2	Contracts						

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010  
 Agency: USFS - Mendocino National Forest  
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3/1/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Field Vehicle	400.000	0.370	MI	0.00	148.00	148.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
Total Program Expenses					10,275.42	3,617.58	13,893.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					10,275.42	3,617.58	13,893.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					10,275.42	3,617.58	13,893.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010  
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3/1/2010

	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	10,275.42	3,469.58	13,745.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	148.00	148.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		10,275.42	3,617.58	13,893.00	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		10,275.42	3,617.58	13,893.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>10,275.42</b>	<b>3,617.58</b>	<b>13,893.00</b>	

## Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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### ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

#### ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

#### ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

### ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

This funding request is to conduct an analysis in order to determine whether to add the Sullivan Ridge single track trail to the Mendocino National Forest designated ohv trail system. This funding request does not include any ground disturbing activities.

### ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

### ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

### ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

### ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

### ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

### ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

**ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

## Planning Project Criteria

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### 1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

☐ 76% or more (10 points)

☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)

☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)

☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

### 2. Planning Project - Q 2.

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2. The Planning Project would address the following 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.

☒ Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents

☐ Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation

☒ Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

#### B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

The NEPA analysis will address the species habitat, cultural resources, soil conditions and water quality. Current OHV recreational opportunities related to single track trails are limited on the Grindstone Ranger District. This project will address and potentially expand the single track opportunities, keeping use on designated trails and discouraging unauthorized use of private lands or other adjacent lands.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ 6 or more items checked (4 points)

☐ 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)

☐ 2 to 3 items checked (2 points)

☐ 1 or no items checked (No points)

### 3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 4

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Camping

☐ Birding

☒ Hiking

☐ Equestrian trails

☐ Fishing

☐ Rock Climbing

☐ Other (Specify)



**4. Public Input - Q 4.**

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)  
☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)  
☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

During the summer of 2006, the Forest held its first public meetings regarding the route designation process. In December of 2007 a conference call with District Ranger Eduardo Olmedo regarding the Valley Climbers Motorcycle Club's desire to adopt the Sullivan Ridge single track trail. On January 14, 2009, the District Ranger met in the field with interested parties to discuss the trail proposal.

**5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.**

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

If it is determined to add the Sullivan Ridge trail to the designated trail system, the Valley Climbers Motorcycle Club (substantial stakeholder) has committed to provide 100% of the labor to maintain 2.2 miles and build 1.7 miles of this single-track trail totaling 3.9 miles.

**6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.**

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 2

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 4 or more (4 points) ☒ 2 to 3 (2 points)  
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Valley Climbers Motorcycle Club  
Blue Ribbon Coalition

**7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.**

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 10

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)  
☒ Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)  
☒ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)  
☒ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)  
☒ Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Portions of the Sullivan Ridge single track trail are already in existence. This project will complete the environmental review needed to determine whether or not to add it to the designated trail system. The Grindstone Ranger District is only 3 hours from the Sacramento and Bay Area metropolitan areas and it is seeing increase OHV usage. There is a lack of single track OHV motorcycle opportunities in this area. This project will take an existing route which is not currently part of the designated ohv system and consider incorporating it as part of a sustainable trail system to accommodate increased OHV recreation use into the future.

**8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.**

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

The Valley Climbers Motorcycle Club (VCMC) has committed to providing 100% of the labor and tools to maintain the 2.2 miles of existing trail, if it is determined to include this trail in the designated ohv trail system. The VCMC has also committed to providing 100% of the labor and tools to build, if approved by the MNF, 1.7 miles of new trail.

Reference Document

"Valley Climbers Motorcycle Club Proposal to Adopt a partially Existing Non-NFTS Motorcycle Trail"

**9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.**

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

The NEPA analysis will address any potential on and off site impacts related to this project proposal.